one third of the cancers can be cured with a high percentage of survival, if detected early, the emphasis of cancer research has been on primary prevention of tobacco related cancer and secondary prevention of cancer of uterine cervix. The preventive measures include educating the masses, statutory warning on cigarette packets and advertisements, promulgation of laws by several State Governments, prohibiting somking in closed areas like cinemas, buses, educational institutions etc.

Telephone connection for occupational therapists

1902. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the occupational therapists have represented for telephone connection in their rehabilitation Centres under the special category rules; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the Government propose to consider their demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No decision has yet been taken in the matter.

Theft, pilferage at Bombay port

1903. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thefts, pilferages and mixing of import-export consignments at Bombay Port continue to be unabated; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to stop this menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) To put an effective check on the thefts and other crimes in the Bombay Port which though they continue to occur has shown a tendency to decline, the following steps have been taken:—

(i) Police department has stepped up its preventive action under various sections of Bombay Police Act, Criminal Procedure Code and National Security Act.

(ii) The powers under Section 110 of the Criminal Procedure Code have recently been delegated to the Divisional Assistant Commissioners of police to have an effective check on the criminal as also on the receivers of stolen property.

Spread of virus diseases among children in Delhi

1904. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new virus has spread in Delhi affecting the children severely;

(b) whether apart from medical attention, Government propose to publicise the preventive/precautionary measure through Radio/Television/leading newspapers that can be helpful to those who are not affected by the disease yet;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what other steps Government propose to take for eradicating this new virus?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No report has been received regarding spread of a new virus in Delhi affecting children.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Encephalitis death in West Bengal

1905. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that encephalitis has staged a come back in a big way in the country;